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Hampton-Court, December 6. The following Address from the Corporation of Taunton was presented to His Majesty by His Grace the Duke of Ormond.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Justices, Aldermen, and Burgesses, of the Corporation of Taunton, and of others the principal Inhabitants of the said Town in the County of Somerset.

Great Sir,

AS we are gratefully sensible of the great Benefits we enjoy under the benign Influence and Clemency of Your auspicious Reign, in delivering us from all Invasions of our Rights and Privileges, and securing to us our Religion, Laws, Properties and Liberties, according to the ancient Rules and fundamental Constitution of the Government of this Your Kingdom; and of Your Sagacity in Council, Unwearied Diligence, and Heroick Courage, in exposing Your Royal Person to the difficulties and dangerous Fatigues of Travel and War for our defence, against Your Majesty's and our Foreign Enemies; so we cannot but be wonderfully surprized at the unparalleled Arrogance of the French King, in assuming to himself a Jespotick Power of Your Kingdoms, by declaring the pretended Prince of Wales King thereof. On which occasion we think it our Duty to manifest our just Resentment (with the greatest Detestation) of such Affront and Indignity offered Your Sacred Majesty, in the scandalous Violation of Your undoubted Right and Title to the Imperial Crown of this Realm, and insolent Opposition of our good Laws for limiting the Succession of Your Crown in a Protestant Line.

We do therefore most humbly crave Leave, by this our Address, to renew our Affurances to Your Majesty, that on all Occasions we will cheerfully and sincerely exert our best Abilities in Adhering to, Supporting and Defending of Your Majesty's Person, Your right and undeniable Title to the Imperial Crown of these Your Kingdoms, and the Succession thereof, as of late by Laws is limited, against all the perfidious Practices and vain Attempts of France, with their pretended Prince of Wales, or any other Pretenders, or Powers under Heaven.

We heartily congratulate Your Majesty's safe Return to us, and we shall daily pray for the Continuance of Your Health, and that Victory and Triumph over all Your Enemies may attend the Felicity of Your long Reign over us, Your Majesty's most Humble, Dutiful and Obedient Subjects; who in Testimony hereof have hereunto caused our Common Seal of this Your Loyal Corporation to be affixed, and have hereunto subscribed our Names, this 21st day of November, in the 13th year of Your Majesty's Reign, in the Year of our Lord 1701.

The following Address from the County of Carmarthen was presented to His Majesty by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carbery.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen of the County of Carmarthen.

THE Wonderful Things (Mighty Sir) which the Providence of GOD has, by You (as his Instrument) wrought for this Nation, as they have in the strictest Sense given You a Title to that common Character of Princes, of being the Father of Your People, so have they likewise render'd You the Darling of them too: Your Wise Conduct and Inimitable Courage delivered us from a Power, which had visibly and the deepest Design of subverting our Liberties, and swallowing up every Thing that either our Spiritual or Temporal Concerns could give us reason to set a Value upon: And to Crown all these Your Glorious Actions, You have been pleas'd, with the tenderest Affection and Care, not only of us, but of our Posterity to all future Generations, to entail upon us those Blessings You had so happily procured for us, by so early a commendation from the Throne, of that Law whereby the Succession of the Crown is now Established in the Protestant Line. It is for those mighty Reasons (Great Sir) that we the Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and many more of Your Faithful Subjects of Your Majesty's County of Carmarthen, think it our Duty to express our most indignation at the open Affront offered not only to Your Majesty, but to the whole English Nation, by the French King, in assuming to himself the setting up the pretended Prince of Wales, in opposition to Your Majesty's just Title to these Kingdoms, and to the several Laws made by the whole Body of Your People in Parliament assembled; which manifest Violation of Treaties and Publick Faith, as we hope, Your Majesty, in conjunction with Your Great and Powerful Allies, will take care to chastise, so we humbly beg leave to assure Your Majesty, that we shall, with the utmost Chearfulness and Unanimity, concur with the rest of Your Faithful and Loyal Subjects, in supporting Your Majesty in so just and necessary an Undertaking.

The two following Addresses from the County and the Borough of Pembroke were presented to His Majesty by Sir John Philips Bart.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Clergy, and other the Freeholders of the County of Pembroke.

Dread Sovereign,

That our Obligations to Your Sacred Majesty, (who hath been so highly Instrumental in rescuing these Nations from Arbitrary Power, and securing our Religion and Properties) are infinite, and how we merit our perpetual Acknowledgments, is undeniable. Permit therefore (Great Sir) to Congratulate Your safe Arrival, and with the general Sense of Your Subjects, to concur in solemnly assuring Your Majesty, that, with the utmost Indignation, we abhor and resent the late Affronts offered You and Your Kingdoms by that Insolent and

Perfidious Disturber of Europe. And that we will be always ready, (as in Duty bound) to contribute our utmost Efforts in the Defence of Your Majesty, and the Succession of the Crown as by Law Established, against the Malicious and Unjust Designs of the French King, and his Sham Prince of Wales, (whom we of that Principality particularly disjoin and protest against) with all their Adherents.

That the Almighty (who hath hitherto so often and so miraculously preserv'd You both by Sea and Land) may grant us the invaluable Blessing of Your Majesty's long Life and happy Reign over us, to the Terror of Your Enemies at home and abroad, and the Solace of all Your Dominions; is and ever shall be the hearty Prayers of, may it please Your most Sacred Majesty, Your most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

Dated the 15th day of November, in the 13th year of the Reign of King William the Third.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Bayliffs, Burgesses, and other the Inhabitants of Your Majesty's ancient Borough of Pembroke, in the County of Pembroke.

AS all Parts of Your Majesty's Dominions, how distant soever unhappily placed from Your Majesty's Sacred Person, equally share in the great and innumerable Blessings arising from Your Majesty's most Excellent Government, (a Government auspiciously begun in the free and ready Consent, and firmly established in the Heavens and unalterable Affections of Your People) so is it the Interest as well as Duty of all equally to concur in the Support and Preservation of it.

Nor do we wonder, that the King of France, (a Climate at all times productive of Impostors, to disturb the Peace and Tranquillity as well of all Europe as of these Kingdoms in particular) who hath been always a Prosecutor of his own Interests beyond the Rules of Honour, and Bounds of common Justice, should, in Violation of both, and of his Faith, pledg'd in the most solemn Leagues and Treaties, presume to appoint a Sovereign for that Throne to which Your Majesty alone hath a Lawful and Rightful Title; a Throne merited before obtained, the unequal Reward of Your Majesty's great Hazards, and the humble, but voluntary Offering of redeemed Subjects, whom Your Majesty found upon the Brink of Slavery, and restored to the full Profession and Enjoyment of their ancient Freedom.

These, Sir, are such great and lasting Obligations, that as they ought at all times with Hearts full of the Sense of them humbly to be acknowledged, so more especially at this juncture, when it is apparent that not only we, but also all Europe, stand again in need of Your Majesty's most Great and Gracious Protection. In return whereof, we humbly beg leave to assure Your Majesty, that we shall at all Times, and upon all Occasions, according to our best Capacities, fully and constantly discharge that Duty of Allegiance which we owe unto Your most Sacred Majesty, in an exact and ready Obedience to all Your Majesty's Commands, in a most hearty and ardent Affection towards Your Majesty's Person and Government, in an utter Abhorrence, Detestation, and Opposition of all Your Majesty's Enemies whatsoever, and in (what we think a Matter of the greatest Importance imaginable in the present Exigence of Affairs) the Choice of such Persons to Represent us in the ensuing Parliament, as we shall think fittest upon all Accounts to discharge the great Trust reposed in them; and more especially such as we shall find disposed to concur in such Measures as to Your Majesty in Your Great Wisdom shall seem most expedient, for settling the just Balance of Europe, and reducing the Exorbitant Power of France. In Testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our Names, and caused our Common Seal to be affixed, this 26th day of November, in the 13th year of Your Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord God, 1701.

The following Address from the Masters, Pilots, and Seamen, of the Trinity-House of Kingston upon Hull was presented to His Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Leeds.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty, William III. of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, &c.

The humble Address of the Masters, Pilots, and Seamen, of the Trinity-House of Kingston upon Hull.

Dread Sir,

WE Your Majesty's most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, (reflecting upon the many horrid plots and Conspiracies formerly attempted against Your Majesty's most Sacred Person and Government, and more especially of late the great Indignity offer'd to Your Majesty by the French King, in presuming to proclaim the pretended Prince of Wales King of these Your Majesty's Kingdoms and Dominions, in opposition to the Settlement of the Succession in the Protestant Line) can but concur with the rest of Your Majesty's faithful Subjects, in bearing our utter Abhorrence and Detestation of such his great Ambition and Insolence.

Therefore humbly crave Leave to present to Your Majesty our true and sincere Resolutions, to Assist and Defend Your Majesty's Sacred Person, Crown, and Dignity, (according to our Capacities, and to the hazard of our Lives and Fortunes) against the said French King, the pretended Prince of Wales, or any other their Confederates or Abettors.

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto caused the Common Seal of this Corporation to be affixed. Dated the 28th of November, Anno Domini, 1701.

The humble Address of His Majesty's most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects of the Western Parts of the County of Kent, was presented to His Majesty by William Ennmerston Esq; introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Romney.

The humble Address of His Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Weavers of Taunton, in the County of Somerset, was presented to His Majesty by Sir Thomas Ashley Kt.